

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20. Please add new claims 21-28.

For examiner convenience, a clean set of all claims is below, and a set of all claims, as amended, is provided as appendix B.

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1. (Amended) A method of using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a distribution package, comprising:
connecting to an online distribution server;
receiving a list of goods available for electronic and/or physical distribution to a client;
selecting goods from the list;
adding said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
requesting creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic shopping cart; and
assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

2. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending a client identifier to the online distribution server;
wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges associated with the client identifier.

3. (Unchanged) The method of claim 2, wherein the access privileges associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

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2 4. (Unchanged) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
3 storing said access privileges within the client identifier;
4 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
5 distribution server.

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7 5. (Unchanged) The method of claim 1, wherein the goods comprise physical
8 goods, electronic goods, or services.

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10 6. (Unchanged) The method of claim 5, wherein a first grouping of the goods
11 is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
12 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

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14 7. (Amended) A machine-accessible medium having instructions encoded
15 thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a distribution package,
16 said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine to:
17 connect to an online distribution server;
18 receive a list of goods available for electronic and physical distribution to a client;
19 select goods from the list;
20 add said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
21 request creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic
22 shopping cart; and

1 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
2 controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

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4 8. (Amended) The medium of claim 7, said instructions including further
5 instructions to direct the machine to:

6 send a client identifier to the online distribution server;
7 wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges
8 associated with the client identifier.

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10 9. (Unchanged) The medium of claim 8, wherein the access privileges
11 associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

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13 10. (Amended) The medium of claim 8, said instructions including further
14 instructions to direct the machine to:

15 store said access privileges within the client identifier;
16 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
17 distribution server.

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19 11. (Unchanged) The medium of claim 7, wherein the goods comprise
20 physical goods, electronic goods, or services.

1 12. (Unchanged) The medium of claim 11, wherein a first grouping of the
2 goods is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
3 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

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5 13. (Amended) A method of using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate
6 defining a distribution package, comprising:
7 receiving a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;
8 determining a client identifier;
9 sending a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
10 identifier;
11 receiving a selection of goods from the list;
12 adding said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
13 receiving a creation request for a distribution package;
14 creating the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
15 shopping cart; and
16 assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
17 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

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19 14. (Unchanged) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
20 determining client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
21 restricting the list of goods according to said client access rights.
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1 15. (Unchanged) The method of claim 14, wherein the access privileges
2 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
3 distribution server.

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5 16. (Unchanged) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
6 storing said access privileges within a client memory storage;
7 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
8 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

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10 17. (Amended) A machine-accessible medium having instructions encoded
11 thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a distribution package,
12 said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine to:
13 receive a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;
14 determine a client identifier;
15 send a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
16 identifier;
17 receive a selection of goods from the list;
18 add said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
19 receive a creation request for a distribution package;
20 create the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
21 shopping cart; and
22 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
23 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

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2 18. (Amended) The medium of claim 17, said instructions including further
3 instructions to direct the machine to:

4 determine client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
5 restrict the list of goods according to said client access rights.
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7 19. (Unchanged) The medium of claim 18, wherein the access privileges
8 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
9 distribution server.
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11 20. (Amended) The medium of claim 18, said instructions including further
12 instructions to direct the machine to:

13 store said access privileges within a client memory storage;
14 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
15 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.
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17 21. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of goods comprises goods
18 available from at least two different sources communicatively coupled with the online
19 distribution server.
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21 22. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the distribution package has at
22 least one portion having a security requirement restricting access to the portion to
23 clients meeting the security requirement.

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2 23. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
3 validating the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.

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5 24. (New) The medium of claim 17, said instructions to create the distribution
6 contents further comprising instructions capable of directing the machine to:
7 validate the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.
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9 25. (New) A method of using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a
10 distribution package, comprising:

11 receiving a connection from a manager-client;
12 determining an identifier for the manager-client;
13 assembling, based at least in part on the identifier, a list of goods available for
14 electronic and/or physical distribution to a user-client;
15 receiving a selection of a good from the list;
16 adding said selected good to an electronic shopping cart of the manager-client;
17 receiving a request for creation of a distribution package determined based at
18 least in part on the contents of the electronic shopping cart.
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20 26. (New) The method of claim 25, wherein the list of goods comprises goods
21 from at least two different sources.
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1 27. (New) A system for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining
2 a distribution package, comprising:
3 a first source for a first good;
4 a second source for a second good;
5 a distribution server operating as a virtual store including one or more goods from
6 the first and second sources, the distribution server configured to perform:
7 receiving a connection from a manager-client;
8 assembling a list of goods available for electronic and/or physical distribution to a
9 user-client, the list including the first and the second goods;
10 receiving a selection of a good from the list; and
11 adding said selected good to a client-side electronic shopping cart.
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13 28. (New) The system of claim 27, wherein the distribution server is further
14 configured to perform:
15 receiving a request for creation of a distribution package determined based at
16 least in part on the contents of the electronic shopping cart.